

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 26, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HARLAN made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 43.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 43, for the relief of Solomon Wadsworth, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That the facts are set forth in the affidavit of said Wadsworth, and letter of Senator Rice, both of which are hereto attached and made a part of this report.

Your committee recommend the passage of said bill.

SENATE CHAMBER, April 12, 1860.

DEAR SIR: In answer to yours of this day, I have to say that Solomon Wadsworth, many years ago, settled upon the tracts indicated in the bill named, and that at the time that he, as well as others, supposed that he had a clear right so to do, under the preëmption laws. He is a poor man, has a large family, and made the settlement solely for the purpose of making a home. He is an ignorant man, and was at the time I investigated the matter, under direction of the War Department, biased in his action by interested persons who wished him to extend his claim to land not included in his original settlement. I fully investigated the subject, found no adverse claim to the lots embraced in the bill, and was fully satisfied that he was unquestionably entitled to enter the same under the directions of the Secretary of War. For further facts relative to the case, I beg to refer you to my report made to the War Department.

Your obedient servant,

HENRY M. RICE.

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Senate Chamber.

I, Solomon Wadsworth, of Clayton county, State of Iowa, do solemnly swear, that I am the claimant by occupation of the following described lands, being a part of the lands heretofore reserved for the use of Fort Crawford, to wit:

Lots numbers two (2) and three (3) in section number fifteen, township number ninety-five, (95) north of range number three (3) west, containing one hundred and thirty-four acres and eighty-four hundredths of an acre, as per government survey.

And I further swear, that there are no adverse claimants to said land, so claimed by me.

SOLOMON WADSWORTH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of December, 1857.

Witness my hand and official seal,

H. H. HALL,
Notary Public, Cr. Co. Wis.